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# TB TidBits

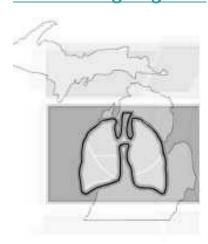
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# Exciting Training Opportunity for Nurses and Disease Investigation Specialists

Are you new to TB Control? Or, would you like to brush up on your TB interviewing skills? Please contact the MDCH TB Control Program ASAP at 517-335-8165 to apply for a seat at this unique two-day skills based contact investigation course. The training will be held in Lansing on July 25th and July 26th. Space will be limited.



### News

- In January, we understood from CDC that our TB grant cycle would terminate at the end of 2012 with a need to re-apply for a new funding cycle in 2013. However, we recently learned that the CDC grant cycle for the TB Control Program has been restored to its original dates. The grant cycle began in January 2010 and will go through December 2014.
- A link to the corrected 2005 MMWR, "Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings, 2005 " is now available from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report at: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5417.pdf">http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5417.pdf</a>
  - Note: This is not an updated version of the 2005 guidelines, rather a corrected version which incorporates items listed in the *errata*. The non-treatment recommendations remain valid today.
- In December 2011, CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) and Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) released guidelines to assist EDN (Electronic Disease Notification) users with completing TB follow-up worksheets for newly arrived immigrants/refugees with a class B TB status. A link to these guidelines is found on our website at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/tb">www.michigan.gov/tb</a> (located under: For Healthcare Professionals, Immigrant/Refugee TB Follow-Up).

# Interesting and Helpful TB Tool

#### www.tstin3d.com

This on-line tool estimates the risk of active tuberculosis for an individual based on his/her clinical profile. This tool is intended to be used for adults that have had a standard TST and/or a commercial IGRA.

### Save the Date

- The TB Nurse Case Management
   Course will be held at Ingham County
   Health Department on Thursday, June
   21, 2012. This is a one day course for
   public health nurses working in com municable disease.
- The 2012 Tri-State (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan) TB Intensive will be held in Lansing on Thursday, October 4th and Friday, October 5th. This intensive is targeted to clinicians, nurses and other staff interested in multidisciplinary tuberculosis care. Public and private staff are both encouraged to attend.

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# World TB Day 2012

The MDCH TB Control Program and Henry Ford Health System joined forces to commemorate World TB Day on March 23, 2012. The event was held at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and featured an afternoon of interesting presentations on a TB Cluster Investigation, Global TB, TB in Healthcare Settings, Management of TB, and TB and HIV Co-Infection. There were approximately 80 people in attendance. Due to the success of this event, the TB Control Program is planning to hold a World TB Day event annually in order to raise awareness about the devastating impact of tuberculosis.

# What is a Regional Training and Medical Consultation Center? (RTMCC)

New Jersey Medical School Global TB Institute

In 2005, the CDC acknowledged and funded four RTMCCs to cover various geographic regions within the United States. The RTMCCs are responsible for developing TB education materials, providing training and technical assistance to increase human resource development for TB Programs, and providing medical consultation.

The New Jersey Medical School Global TB Institute is the Regional Training and Medical Consultation (RTMCC) Center for Michigan and covers the northeastern region of the United States. We would encourage you to visit the New Jersey Global TB Institute's website at <a href="http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/home.htm">http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/home.htm</a>. The website offers a multitude of educational products, training and education opportunities, resources, and medical consultation. We are including a small sampling below of some fabulous webinars that have been archived on the New Jersey GTBI website.

#### **Global TB Institute Archived Conference Presentations**

See: http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/audioarchives.htm

Best Practices in TB Control: TB Among the Homeless: Dealing with Unique Challenges - February 7, 2012

Treatment of TB: Managing Adverse Drug Effects - August 30, 2011

Medical Update: Diagnosis and Management of Tuberculosis in the Pregnant Patient — December 15, 2010

Best Practices in TB Control #1: Introduction to the TB Cohort Review Process (National Webinar) - November 4, 2010

Medical Update: Management of Tuberculosis in Patients on TNF-α Inhibitors — September 16, 2009

Best Practices in TB Control: Working Effectively with Diverse Populations - March 26, 2009

Best Practices in TB Control: Strategies for Ensuring Adherence to LTBI Treatment - March 26, 2008

Surgical Management of Tuberculosis - February 13, 2008

Recording of NATIONAL Webinar, TB/HIV: Managing the Co-Infected Patient (National Webinar) - November 11, 2007

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### **TB TidBits**

TB TidBits is a quarterly newsletter that will cover many aspects of TB control

We want to hear from you!

- What would you like to know more about?
- Do you have strategies that you would like to share?
- Do you have announcements or job postings?
- Is your jurisdiction/area using IGRA's? If you are using IGRA, which do you use?

If you have something you would like to share that highlights your program, or a success story let us know.

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